

Thursday soon -

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Kelly Field, Texas

Dear Brother & Melba,

How would you like a few words from your "Cadet" brother? - Yes, sir, - just as much of a cadet as any one of those in West Point! - And don't you doubt it. - Maybe I won't last long, but for the time being I'm surely here. -

Have purposely not written cause I've been holding off, waiting until I've formed a definite opinion of the place, but I see that's going to be a long time so here I am. - Don't know just how to express it. - Everything's so different than just being "in the Army" - but at the same time, there's a striking similarity. - The work itself is more varied and more interesting, but then the restrictions are lots more. - Don't know when I'll be able to go to town again. - Those of us who had seen previous service were supposed to have week-end ~~privileges~~ privileges - but now they tell us "no" - ~~So~~ what the ---! We have a full day from 5:15 A.M. till 10:00 P.M. (10 o'clock starting tonight. up till now it has been 9:00 - and in bed then, too!) They usually keep us busy, tho it's more a conditioning period than one of actual learning. - We drill & have calisthenics in the A.M. - and drill and have athletics in the afternoon. -

8:45 P.M. - - - - -

Did I say Athletics in the afternoon? I went on a cross country run for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour covering some  $2\frac{1}{2}$  or 3 miles. - That is only a beginning - it will be gradually lengthened and quickened from time to time. -

correct one. - I might not get around to letting everyone know. - Byg. - This is saying a big place! -  
But it's pretty nice. Even with its hot weather and ~~hot~~ cactus. - Oh, ya - I forgot.

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Bye for now. - Frank

See. - by the time I finish this training I'll run  
"Superman" a close second. - I think maybe all my  
children will be born flexing their muscles! -

Don't know just how long I'll be here. - Right now  
we're in the classification section and from here we'll  
go on to the "Hill" for a 5 weeks course. - In the  
meantime we take lots of exams but no physicals  
yet. - I hope I make it, but if I don't, I don't. - there's  
no use worrying now. -

Got my first letter from the folks today. - They  
told me of your move to Lynchburg. - You lucky  
people! - Why can't I get within hailing distance of  
D.C. - ?

Gotta stop now. - almost lights out and I  
have to shave before I go to bed. - will finish this  
tomorrow.

— Morning now - Friday -

Don't know a thing more now than I did  
last night. - Just finished breakfast and cleaning  
up for inspection. - Now waiting for the Lieut. to  
come and give us heck. - They never compliment you  
always derogatory remarks. - or something.

Will read this over and see how much sense  
it makes - but maybe I won't. - Then I probably  
wouldn't mail it. - Had lots of things to tell  
you but writing this in spurts like this. I can't  
remember them. - Just as soon as I get this in the  
mail, I'll probably remember most of them. - Oh,  
well, - at least you're getting a few lines - so don't  
say too much. - that's lots more than some  
people are getting. - I owe a lot of letters but  
you can see from this that I'm not overly endowed  
with free time. - My address will change quite often,  
I'm afraid. - So advise you to keep up with it thru  
the folks as I'll always try to keep them in a